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TO AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: GOS REQUEST FOR SECURITY ASSISTANCE

1. SUDANESE AMBASSADOR HAMZA CALLED AT HIS REQUEST ON AF/N DIRECTOR BLAKE OCTOBER 18 TO DISCUSS GOS REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL SECURITY ASSISTANCE. MEETING WAS FOLLOW-UP TO VAGUE REQUEST FOR "SECURITY ASSISTANCE" MADE BY FONMIN KHALID IN OCTOBER 16 MEETING WITH SECRETARY. HAMZA PRESENTED EXTENSIVE SHOPPING LIST, INCLUDING 85 TRUCKS OF VARIOUS SIZES, 85 AUTOMOBILES OF VARIOUS TYPES, 10 WATER CANNON, 10 CRANES, EXTENSIVE PORTABLE COMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND TEAR GAS GRENADE LAUNCHERS AND BOMBS. EQUIPMENT TO BE USED FOR THREE PURPOSES: (A) SPECIAL 1500 MAN RIOT CONTROL UNIT IN THREE TOWNS AREA; (B) POLICING KHARTOUM-WAD MEDANI ROAD; (C) IMPROVED BORDER CONTROL, ESPECIALLY CHADIAN BORDER.

2. REMARKING ON EXTENT OF LIST, BLAKE ASKED AMBASSADOR WHETHER GOS HAD RAISED WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS POSSIBILITY

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OF ASSISTANCE IN FULFILLING THESE NEEDS. HE ALSO INDICATED

THAT ESTIMATE OF NATURE AND IMMINENCE OF THREAT AS WELL AS SOME ESTIMATE OF RELATIVE PRIORITIES AMONG THE VARIOUS ITEMS REQUESTED WOULD BE HELPFUL. BLAKE CONCLUDED BY REMARKING THAT, WHILE HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT EVENTUAL U.S. RESPONSE MIGHT BE, HE DOUBTED THAT USG COULD UNDERTAKE FULFILL SUCH EXTENSIVE REQUIREMENT. HENCE NEED FOR SOME INDICATION GOS PRIORITIES.

3. HAMZA UNDERTOOK FIND OUT FROM FONMIN WHETHER OTHER GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEEN APPROACHED FOR HELP IN THIS AREA AND TO QUERY MININT ABOUT PRIORITIES AND EXTENT OF THREAT. IN TELCON WITH DEPTOFF OCTOBER 19, HAMZA STATED THAT GOS HAS NOT ASKED ANY OTHER COUNTRIES FOR HELP WITH ITEMS REQUESTED, BUT HAS MADE SMALL ADDITIONAL REQUEST TO WEST GERMANY FOR COMPLEMENTARY ITEMS (UNSPECIFIED).

4. DURING MEETING WITH AF/N BLAKE, HAMZA REFERRED TO DISCUSSION THIS SUBJECT BETWEEN AMBASSADOR BREWER AND GOS MININT IN KHARTOUM. SINCE WE HAVE BEEN UNABLE IDENTIFY REPORT ANY SUCH DISCUSSION, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFO EMBASSY MAY HAVE THIS SUBJECT. RUSH

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